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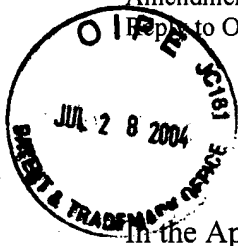
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This is in response to the Official Action of June 7, 2004.

Applicant encloses herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the subject matter of claims 1 and 2 of the application. As such, it is believed that all of the claims are deemed allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection and passage of the application to allowance is therefore solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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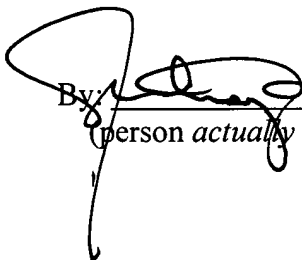


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